

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please amend the Abstract by rewriting same to read as follows.

A vehicle boarding environment controlling apparatus ~~is disclosed including:~~ having a communicating element ~~[[for]]~~ communicating with a communication device ~~which~~ that detects a detection target object for personal authentication; a registration storing element for storing registration of setting status information denoting a predetermined boarding environment of a vehicle in association with each ~~of persons~~ person to be authenticated ~~in a personal authentication process performed in accordance with the detection target object detected by the communication device;~~ a door lock controlling element for unlocking doors of the vehicle when ~~any one of the persons~~ a person is authenticated ~~in the personal authentication process;~~ and a setting status controlling element which, if any ~~one of the persons~~ person is authenticated ~~in the personal authentication process,~~ changes the boarding environment setting status of the vehicle in accordance with the setting status information associated with the authenticated person ~~from among the setting status information stored in the registration storing element.~~